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SUBJ: PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL ACCRA

REF: (A) MONROVIA 2501; (B) ACCRA 2898; (C) ABIDJAN 3731

1. FOLLOWING LINES REFTEL C, WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING STATEMENT  
BE MAKE TO PRESS BY AMBASSADOR DAVIS ON ARRIVAL IN ACCRA: TEXT:

A. GENTLEMEN: I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE VISITING GHANA  
DURING MY FIRST TRIP TO AFRICA AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
AFRICAN AFFAIRS. AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, I VISITED GHANA  
IN 1964, WHEN I WAS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS.  
I SAW THEN THE DEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE IN GHANA, AND I RECALL  
WITH PARTICULAR FONDNESS THE WARM HOSPITALITY FOR WHICH GHANA  
IS SO PROPERLY RENOWNED. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS VISIT WITH  
GREAT ANTICIPATION AND AM ONLY SORRY THAT IT WILL BE MUCH TOO  
BRIEF.

B. I AM GREATEFUL THAT I SHALL BE ABLE TO MEET  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL, SEVERAL OF YOUR  
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COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA.

DURING THESE MEETINGS WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS  
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS  
IN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AS A WHOLE.

C. I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO AN ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP OF RELATIONS  
BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND AFRICAN NATIONS DURING MY TERM AS  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY. DURING THE BRIEF CEREMONY WHEN I ASSUMED  
MY PRESENT DUTIES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DR KISSINGER, SAID  
HE HOPED HE WOULD "BE ABLE TO GIVE NEW VIGOR TO OUR FOREIGN  
POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA AND TOWARDS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH  
AFRICAN COUNTRIES." HE ADDED, " I HOPE THAT WE CAN FIND A NEW  
AND EVEN CLOSER RELATIONSHIP TO A CONTINENT WITH WHICH OUR  
PEOPLE HAVE MANY TIES AND TOWARDS WHICH WE HAVE VERY STRONG  
CONVICTIONS." AS SECRETARY  
KISSINGER'S DEPUTY FOR AFRICAN  
AFFAIRS, I FULLY SHARE HIS CONVICTIONS AND ASSURE YOU I WILL  
DO MY BEST TO IMPLEMENT THEM.

D. MY CURRENT VISIT IS DUE TO LARGE PART TO THE PROMISE I  
MADE TO SEVERAL AFRICAN AMBASSADORS WHEN I BECAME THE ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY, THAT I WOULD PAY A VISIT TO AFRICA AT THE FIRST  
POSSIBLE MOMENT. I AM HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO FULFILL THAT PROMISE  
SO SOON AND LOOK FORWARD TO A FRUITFUL VISIT THAT WILL BETTER  
INFORM AND EQUIP ME TO HELP GUIDE AMERICAN POLICY VIS-A-VIS  
AFRICA. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I LAST VISITED GHANA,  
BUT I ASSURE YOU I SHALL ENDEAVOR TO COME TO THIS HAPPY COUNTRY  
MUCH OFTEN. END TEXT.

2. WE WOULD HOPE ASST SECRETARY WOULD DELIVER REMARKS  
EXTEMPORANEOUSLY, THUS PRECLUDING OBLIGATION TO DISTRIBUTE  
TEXT REMARKS IF STATEMENT IS READ.  
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